## Biographical Record

## **EDWIN ARTHUR BARNETT**

Representative of the Kent County Association 1945 - 1947

Honorary Member from 1948 - 1951

Life Member 1952 - 2004

Attended 50 meetings

Born at Bexleyheath, Kent on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1918.

Began ringing at Crayford, Kent in December 1927.

Subsequently attached to various towers in Worcester, Oxford and Calne during the Second World War, returning to Crayford until 1978 when he moved to Mere.

Rang his first peal on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1929: Grandsire Triples at Crayford.

Rang a total of 733 peals.

His notable achievements include: a peal of Plain Bob Major on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1934 (Crayford) by the youngest band at that date (average age 15 years and 2 weeks); 100<sup>th</sup> peal at 15 on 15.3.1934; longest peal of Major on handbells (Double Norwich, 29.2.1948)

Featured in The Ringing World articles:

Servants of the Exercise No 4 (RW 22.1.1960) Leading conductors No 72 (RW 26.5.1939);

He served as Central Council Secretary and Treasurer 1952-1966; Vice President 1969-1975 and President 1975-1981.

Occupation: Civil Servant (Air Ministry).

Died on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2004

Obituary and other articles in The Ringing World in 2004 pages 772, 999 and 1008-9